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50X1   Astrakhan, Baku, Krasnovodsk, Gurev.

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50X1   All these cities have central waterworks, but not
all houses are included in the network. The water is
chlorinated, but since not all of the households are
supplied with water from the central system, water has
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5.

The patient receives a "hospital card" at his place of
employment and is then hospitalized, receiving free medica-
ments. However, due to poor care, wrong diet, and frequently
erroneous diagnoses, the average citizen tries to avoid
hospitalization in the general hospitals. Moreover, he is
not always compensated for his sick days,--full compensation
is given only to workers who have been employed for a period
of eight years. Also, they are not paid promptly. At times
weeks or months pass before they receive full or half pay,
or at times, none, after the Commission examines and passes
on the "hospital card." The procedure for the average
citizen in the outpatient clinics is the same. A member of
the privileged group receives the physician at his house.
He has to pay for the medicines but receives more attention,
and the physician fills out the card.

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Up to 1950 penicillin was not widely sold and [   ] only
in the form of a solution. However, belonging to the privi-
leged group, [   ] able to obtain it quite easily for [   ]
Other drugs, for example Rivanol, and cotton bandages could
not be obtained. The Astrakhan Polyclinic was better than
that in Saratov. The doctors were better qualified, and
there were fewer patients.

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There was a cholera epidemic in the endemic focus of
Krasnovodsk in August 1942. The patients were quarantined
in the desert, and there were more than 15,000 deaths by
September of that year. There were also rumors of an out-

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break of plague in the Kazakhstan Rayon in 1948-1949.
There is an antiplague station in Kazakhstan, [   ]
[   ] Malaria (tertian) was prevalent in
Azerbaijan in 1942.

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Mosquitoes are abundant in the reed marshes of the Volga
Delta, south of Astrakhan, and are brought into the city
by the river traffic. DDT is very difficult to obtain;
Paris green is generally used.

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